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Military Capabilities Study (MCS): Appendix A – Physical Environment

- Description and Background:** The Military Capabilities Study (MCS) is a Department of Defense program designed to provide a compendium of intelligence data on the military, economic, political, and environmental resources of a country. The Appendix A - Physical Environment provides country-scale information on the physical environment. These studies are intended to serve as a ready reference document for national, operational, and tactical planners. The Joint-service program is administered by the National Military Intelligence Production Center at the Defense Intelligence Agency.
- Key Capabilities:** The Appendix A – Physical Environment provides information on climate, terrain, geology, soils, vegetation, hydrology, terrain conditions effecting cross-country movement, coastal terrain and limiting factors of terrain for a given country or region.
- Current Status:** New studies are not currently in the FY04 production program, but can be requested IAW AR115-11 through the Army G2. All existing studies remain available on TEC's Intelink-S and Intelink-TS sites under the "Products Available" section.
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